

Pedestrian Safety Program -- No. 500333

Category	Transportation	Date Last Modified	January 09, 2008
Subcategory	Traffic Improvements	Required Adequate Public Facility	No
Administering Agency	Public Works & Transportation	Relocation Impact	None.
Planning Area	Countywide	Status	On-going

EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000)

Cost Element	Total	Thru FY07	Est. FY08	Total 6 Years	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design, and Supervision	1,004	639	65	300	50	50	50	50	50	50	0
Land	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Site Improvements and Utilities	1,386	309	177	900	150	150	150	150	150	150	0
Construction	110	110	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2,500	1,058	242	1,200	200	200	200	200	200	200	*

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000)

G.O. Bonds	1,992	550	242	1,200	200	200	200	200	200	200	0
State Aid	100	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PAYGO	408	408	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2,500	1,058	242	1,200	200	200	200	200	200	200	0

DESCRIPTION

This project provides for the review and analysis of existing physical structures and traffic controls in order to make modifications aimed at improving safety and walking environment for pedestrians. This project provides for the construction of physical structures and/or installation of traffic control devices which include, but are not limited to: new crosswalks; pedestrian refuge islands; sidewalks; bus pull-off areas; fencing to channel pedestrians to safer crossing locations; relocating, adding, or eliminating bus stops; accessible pedestrian signals (countdown) or warning beacons; improving signage, etc. The improvements will be made in compliance with the requirements of the ADA. Initial project efforts will focus on improving walkability in the Central Business District (CBD) areas. This project also supports the construction of improvements at and around schools identified in the Safe Routes to School program. In addition, pedestrian improvements are being continually piloted in the Wheaton, Silver Spring and Bethesda CBD areas.

COST CHANGE

Increase due to the addition of FY13-14 to this ongoing project.

JUSTIFICATION

The County Executive's Blue Ribbon Panel on Pedestrian Safety has identified the need to improve the walkability along Montgomery County roadways and, in particular, in the CBDs where there is high pedestrian concentration and mass transit ridership. The improvements proposed under this project will enhance and/or add to the County's existing infrastructure to increase the safety and comfort level for pedestrians, which in turn will encourage increased pedestrian activity and safer access to schools and mass transit. The issue of pedestrian safety has been an elevated concern for pedestrians, cyclists, motorists, and public officials. To address this issue the County Executive's Pedestrian Safety Task Force has developed strategies and goals to make our streets walkable and pedestrian friendly. This project is intended to support the strategies for enhancing pedestrian safety by piloting new and innovative techniques for improving traffic control device compliance by pedestrians, motorists, and cyclists.

Various studies for improvements will be done under this project with emphasis on pedestrian safety and traffic circulation. A study of over 200 Montgomery County schools (Safe Route to Schools program) was completed in FY05. This study identified needs and prioritized schools based on need for signing, pavement markings, circulation, and pedestrian accessibility.

OTHER

This project is intended to address the Engineering aspect of the "Three E's" concept (Engineering, Education, and Enforcement), which is one of the recommendations included in the final Blue Ribbon Panel on Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Report. Additional efforts to improve pedestrian walkability by creating a safer walking environment, utilizing selected technologies, and ensuring ADA compliance will be addressed under the following projects: Annual Sidewalk Program; Bus Stop Improvements; Intersection and Spot Improvements; Neighborhood Traffic Calming; Transportation Improvements for Schools; ADA Compliance; Transportation; Resurfacing; Primary/Arterial; Sidewalk and Infrastructure Revitalization; Streetlighting; Traffic Signals; and ATMS.

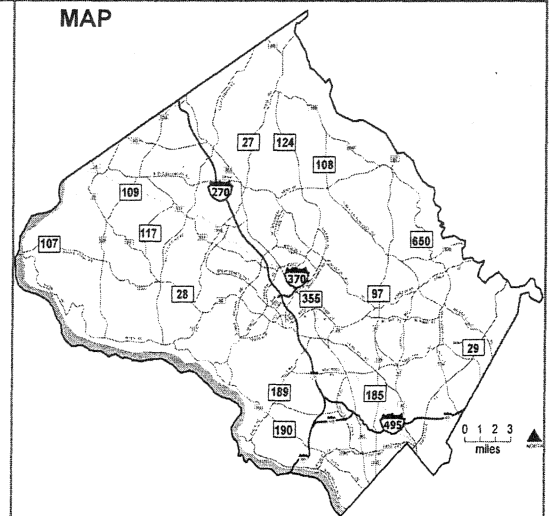
APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA

Date First Appropriation	FY03	(\$000)
First Cost Estimate		
Current Scope	FY09	2,500
Last FY's Cost Estimate		2,100
Appropriation Request	FY09	200
Appropriation Request Est.	FY10	200
Supplemental Appropriation Request		0
Transfer		0
Cumulative Appropriation		1,300
Expenditures / Encumbrances		1,139
Unencumbered Balance		161
Partial Closeout Thru	FY06	0
New Partial Closeout	FY07	0
Total Partial Closeout		0

COORDINATION

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
 Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
 Mass Transit Administration
 Maryland State Highway Administration
 Wheaton Central Business District
 Wheaton Regional Services Center
 Commission on Aging
 Commission on People with Disabilities
 Montgomery County Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee
 Citizen's Advisory Boards
 Various CIP Projects

MAP



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OTHER DISCLOSURES

- The Executive asserts that this project conforms to the requirements of relevant local plans, as required by the Maryland Economic Growth, Resource Protection and Planning Act.
- * Expenditures will continue indefinitely.